FROM: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan

My memorandum to you March 19, 1964, concerning the com influence in racial matters advised that we had learned that Spri College, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Yale University, New Hav Connecticut, were considering the conferring upon Martin Luther K of honorary degrees in June, 1964, but that to date no definite p had been perfected relative to either institution. We indicated we were initiating appropriate checks as to the availability of s established and reliable sources at these institutions which woul permit the heading off of the conferring of honorary degrees to K We indicated an intention to proceed along lines similar to that recently which prevented King from getting an honorary degree from Marquette University. The Director noted "OK" relative to these intentions of ours. Instant memorandum recommends that an extreme discreet contact be made with Senator Leverett Saltonstall (Republ Massachusetts) who appears to be in a position to assist the Burea in the matter relating to Springfield College. A separate memoran will follow relative to Yale University.

Boston SAC Handley has advised that although the Boston Office files are negative concerning Springfield's President, Dr. G Olds, Handley has been able to determine that Olds is very close to Sargent Shriver and Olds spends half of his time in Washington, D. assisting Shriver in matters relating to the Peace Corps and study on poverty. Bureau files on Olds are favorable; he is a theologian and has visited Russia on one occasion.

Handley suggested [redacted] as a possible cont as he is a member of the Board of Springfield College. [redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List and we have had limited but friendly relations with him for a number of years. He is usually written a congratulatory letter upon his re-elections.

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Because of Olds' close association with [redacted] it wo not appear to be prudent to attempt to deal with him. It appear from our study that [redacted] is the most logical indi vidual to deal with and that if he were personally approached by Assistant Director DeLoach and orally briefed, in the strictest confidence, concerning King, he would be in a position to take t necessary action to prevent King from receiving an honorary degr from Springfield College.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

If approved, DeLoach should personally orally brief [redacted] in accordance with the attached "Top Secret" summary indicating King's communist connections and [redacted] (This is the same summary we previously used in the Marquette University situation). It should be made clear to Saltonstall that the information is being given him in the stric of confidence with the thought that he might desire to use it in preventing King from receiving an honorary degree from Springfie College and thus save that institution from embarrassment becaus of King's connections and character. It should be emphasized to [redacted] that under no circumstances may this information eve be attributed to the Bureau.

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